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**RESPONSE PURSUANT TO 37 C.F.R. § 1.111**

Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action mailed December 30, 2004, the shortened statutory period for which runs until March 30, 2005. This response is presented in the format allowed by the Notice of the Office of Patent Legal Administration issued January 31, 2003.

There are no amendments to the specification. Amendments to the claims, and Remarks, are presented on separate sheets below.